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Classified By: Ambassador Paul Trivelli for reason 1.4 (b)

(C) Ambassador spoke with Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Norman Caldera on May 26 to convey points in reftel. Caldera explained that, although he will not make any public statements, the GON plans to re-establish diplomatic relations with Iraq. He hopes to see the Iraqi Ambassadors to the U.S. and United Nations in late June to negotiate and finalize the agreement. Caldera added that, if feasible, he will visit Baghdad after his summer trip to Saudi Arabia to exchange notes on the re-establishment of relations.

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